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Editorial Quotes  
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G-20

a. "'Hawk' voices shouldn't become main stream in China"  
The official Communist Party international news publication Global  
Times (Huanqiu Shibao) (03/31): "Since the start of the Olympic

torch relay last year, the Chinese public has gotten braver in  
expressing their feelings to the world. Some regard this as  
parochial nationalism and some see this as the increase of  
irrational "hawk" voices. These voices are absolutely sincere  
voices. China needs someone who can speak for the benefits of the  
nation, for China at present and for China in the future. However, I  
[the author] worry that when these "hawk" voices gain more praise;  
these 'hawkish' voices will become the only major feature of Chinese  
public opinion.

A mature country, including China, needs to have diverse voices.  
These voices can bring a country vigorous strength for development  
and stronger social endurance. No matter if the voices represent  
"hawk" [tough] opinions or "dove" [soft] views, as long as these  
voices concern the interests of China and its people, or the future  
of China, they should be considered as part of the Chinese public  
opinion. We allow different voices to be heard in China, which  
enable both Chinese policy makers and foreign countries to know  
China more completely. But encouraging the "hawk" voices doesn't  
mean that China is turning to extreme nationalism. The main stream  
in China is developing in a peaceful way. Diverse voices and  
opinions are very beneficial to China's development. Various public  
opinions are better than purely "hawk" or "dove" public opinions."

b. "G-20 distorts the global picture"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global  
Times (Huanqiu Shibao) (03/31): "Changes to the current global  
picture are risky for the era. British Premier Brown expressed his  
pessimistic view about the G-20 Summit in this way; he doesn't want  
the G-20 to become the London Summit of 1933, reflecting on the [the  
London Economic Conference] summit that took place 76 years ago, and  
he hopes that the G-20 doesn't lead to "another World War". The  
media has different opinions about China's role in the G-20.  
Meanwhile disagreements about the possible topics at G-20 have  
become heated. A researcher from China's Institute of Contemporary  
International Relations says that the financial crisis has lead to a  
new round of card shuffling and that the G-20 will reflect the shape  
of the new international chess board.

American media said that China is trending towards economic  
nationalism. A researcher from the Chinese Academy of Social  
Sciences responded that, as a member of the G-20 it is normal to  
clearly state one's ideas about the need for reform in the  
international currency system. We shouldn't relate this need for  
reform to economic nationalism. In fact this reflects the economic  
and hegemony mentality of western countries. The current  
international currency system has holes and lacks financial  
supervision. China offered this suggestion to protect its own  
benefits and to protect the safety of the international economic  
system.

Concerning the statement "terminating the U.S. unilateral control";  
Jia Qingguo, from Peking University, argues that even though

America's standing has been affected by the financial crisis, that it is still too early and that it will take time to change America's dominant global position. America still enjoys significant political and economic influence. Currently, there is no other country that could take over America's global position.

Jia points out that China's active involvement in the G-20 is to promote international co-operation. China hopes to be able to contribute more in this capacity. China will gain support and respect at the G-20. Another expert from Bank of China says that China's voice should not be heard too loudly or too importantly. When we hear China's voice, we should consider China's policies."

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